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SUBJ: ECCE MILK CASE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0160

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, WE ARE DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO PREVENT FORCED AUCTION OF ECCE PROPERTY WHICH SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 13 JANUARY DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF BACK-TAXES.

2. IN THE EVENT OUR EFFORTS ARE TO NO AVAIL, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A US GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO ECCE, WHICH HAS ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT PROVISIONS. THIS ALSO APPEARS TO BE THE OPINION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY WHICH IN A 28 AUGUST 1972 LETTER TO ECCE (SIGNED BY ASMARA USASA CONTRACTING OFFICER) STATED, QUOTE...IF YOUR FIRM EXERCISES ALL LEGAL APPEALS TO OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION FROM THE TAX, BASED UPON THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1953 DEFENSE INSTALLATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PAY THE TAX, YOUR FIRM WILL BE REIMBURSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT CITED. END QUOTE. (COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.)

3. SUCH USG OBLIGATION AS MAY EXIST WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE FAR MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFICULT TO MEET AFTER AN AUCTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY

REQUESTS STANDBY AUTHORITY, SHOULD WE PROVE UNABLE TO
BLOCK FORCED SALE TO ISSUE CHECK AT LAST MINUTE IN REQUIRED
AMOUNT (\$E14,615.87) TO SATISFY TAX CLAIM, FOLLOWING WHICH WE
WOULD ATTEMPT TO RECOVER SUM IN QUESTION FROM EPMG UNDER 1953
TREATY AGREEMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. IF AGENCIES CONCERNED AGREE WITH FOREGOING,
REQUEST NECESSARY FISCAL DATA BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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